MINUTES OF MEETING
19th January 2016, 7.30pm Rathbone Pavilion

1 Councillors Present:
Geoff Chapman (Chairman), Adele Stevenson (Vice Chair), Sara Thomas, Mark Dinning, Judith McGinley and Allison Spyer (Clerk).

2 Apologies for Absence:
Peter Waggett, Cllr Anna MacNair Scott, Cllr Rob Golding, Cllr Diane Taylor

3 Apologies Not Received:
Cllr Stuart Frost

4 Declarations of Interest:
There were no declarations of interest

5 Meeting open to the Public:
Two members of the public in attendance

6 Minutes:
To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Council meetings held on 15th December 2015. The minutes were confirmed as correct and duly signed.

7 Matters Arising:
Trim Trail – Ongoing
Pinch points by Old Forge: On-going
Unity Bank, Online Banking Process & Procedures – Finance risk assessment on-going
Funding Left Over From Previous Village Plan: SE has received a chq, AS to bank, monies now need to be allocated, AS to add to February agenda.
Laptop: All set up and ready, AS and GC to meet on Monday 25th to handover.
Telephone Box: Update later in the meeting
White Lines at the Pond: AS reported that they are unlikely to be painted now until the Spring
North Waltham Conservation Area: Ongoing

8 Pond:
SE currently seeking advice regarding planting around the pond. AS has a list of native and non-native plants on file and will forward on to SE. ASTev bought up the subject of vans parking around the pond for long periods of time, this can be problematic if there is something going on at the pond such as Santa’s visit at Christmas, it can also be a problem for busses trying to get round. After discussion the PC agreed to ask that residents vans be moved for events such as Christmas but felt it wouldn’t be appropriate as a general rule of thumb as it is perfectly legal to park there.

9 Village Defibrillator:
AS confirmed that BT currently pay for the power source in the telephone box and have agreed to continue funding the supply for another seven years if the PC install a defibrillator. After seven years the agreement is renewable. However we are still waiting to hear back from compliance if we are allowed to install a defibrillator and / or shelves for a book share as the box is considered a listed building, it is currently under investigation.

10 Neighbourhood Plan:
No update currently as the team have not met since the last meeting. However it was reported that BDBC are proposing that every small settlement (parish) accept a housing allocation of 10 new build houses over the next 10 years. This proposal is currently in the consultation period with BDBC. The Parish Council agreed that the PC comments on the consultation must be based around the last Village Plan that states the majority of the population do not want further development.

AStev proposed that the PC comments reflect the opinions from the last Village Plan Consultation, GC seconded this proposal and there was unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

11 Village Trust Overpayment:
An accounting error has led to the Village Trust being given an overpayment on this year’s grant allocation. AS to write to Malcolm Knight requesting a refund of £1755.00.

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12 Village Events:
The Parish council discussed the various activities/events that would need publicising/pushing over the current year, they included:

- New residents party
- Sunflower competition (for children only)
- Gardening competition (whole village)
- Village of the year competition
- Possibility of a joint party with the Village Trust to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday – PC to raise the idea with the Church and VT for discussion at the next meeting
- Litter pick twice a year

GC

13 Current Planning Applications:

New 15/03790/OUT Land south of St Michaels Close, North Waltham
Outline planning application for erection of 2 no lifetime home bungalows, garages, access and parking arrangements and amenity area. Change of use from agricultural land to residential.

Undecided

Section 106 – AStev suggested that PC put a 106 submission together and the VT put a 106 submission together which is then merged and discussed at the next meeting.

14 Planning Compliance Issues:
Both White Cottage and the telephone box are still under investigation with BDBC

15 Finance:
15a Receipts:
- No current receipts to report.

15b Payments:
To approve payment of the following cheques and any others requested at the meeting:

- Allison Spyer, Salary £345.20
- Allison Spyer, Expenses £15.99
- Village Trust, 50% Website costs £121.20

Payments proposed by GC and seconded by PW with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

16 Highway/Village Appearance Matters:
- AS suggested approaching local resident Jane Vickers to take on some of the smaller tasks that need doing around the village. JV has recently set up her own DIY Business. PC agreed this might work in principal. AS to invite JV to the next meeting to discuss further.
- There has been a recent spate of fly-tipping along Maidenthorne Lane. AS to seek advice from BDBC on how to best tackle the problem.

AS

17 Correspondence:
There was no correspondence

18 Councillors' Announcements:
ST apologised for lack of email contact as her broadband has been sporadic.

19 Parish Magazine – Standard planning information

20 Date of Next Meeting – to confirm that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th Feb 2016

Signed ……………………………………………………… Date …………………………………………………